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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Mentions of DCI in New Ian Fleming Novel

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Another "James Bond" adventure novel by Ian Fleming is being published this August by the New American Library. The April issue of Playboy Magazine has carried the first of three installments of the novel on a prepublication basis.

3. Two paragraphs mentioning the DCI in this installment are quoted below:

a. The head of the British secret service, of which Bond is a member, tells him, in answer to a question whether the CIA is passing information to the British on Japanese cracking of Soviet codes:

"Not in the Pacific. They regard that as their private preserve. When Allen Dulles was in charge, we used to at least get digests of any stuff that concerned us, but this new man McCone has cracked down on all that. He's a good man, all right, and we get along well personally, but he's told me candidly that he's acting under orders--National Defense Council. They're worried about our security. Can't blame them. I'm equally worried about theirs. Two of their top cryptographers defected a couple of years ago and they must have blown a lot of the stuff we gave the Americans. Trouble with this so-called democracy of ours is that the press gets hold of these cases and writes them up too big. PRAVDA doesn't burst into tears when one of their men comes over to us. IZVESTIA doesn't ask for a public inquiry. Somebody in K.G.B. gets hell, I suppose. But at least they're allowed to get on with their job instead of having retired members of the Supreme Soviet pawing through their files and telling them how to run a secret service."

b. Another official of the British service tells Bond, in answer to his question of what CIA would say if the British were caught "poaching" on this Japanese operation:

"They don't own Japan. Anyway, they're not to know. That's up to this fellow Tanaka. He'll have to fix the machinery for getting it into the Australian Embassy. That's his worry."

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But the whole thing's on pretty thin ice. The main problem is to make sure he doesn't go straight along to the CIA and tell 'em of your approach. If you get blown, we'll just have to get the Australians to hold the baby. They've done it before when we've been bowled out edging our way into the Pacific. We're good friends with their Service. First-rate bunch of chaps. And, anyway, the CIA's hands aren't as clean as all that. We've got a whole file of cases where they've crossed wires with us round the world. Often dangerously. We can throw that book at McCone if this business blows up in our faces. But part of your job is to see that it doesn't."

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